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To: DOT STIP
Subject: STIP Comment
Attachments: North Douglas Crossing JCC Letter.doc

Please see attached comment regarding the support of the North Douglas Crossing to be included in the STIP>

Thank you.



"There is Strength in Numbers..."

Cathie D. Roemmich
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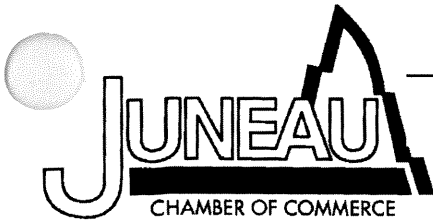
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Department of Transportation

RE: STIP Comments

Dear Commissioner von Scheben,

On behalf of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce we urge you to include in the STIP the **North Douglas Crossing**. This project is extremely important to the economic development in Juneau's future. It will also provide an essential safety route in the event of an emergency in any area of Juneau if Egan or the current bridge were to be closed off. We have 5,000 residents in Douglas that could be or are impacted by this crossing.

The Chamber and it's over 400 business members have long gone on record in support of this much needed project.

Please don't let this be just another project that gets passed over. This business community is working hard to insure a future for our children and we believe without responsible development our town will remain at a standstill.

We have a number of businesses in Juneau who not only would like to expand their operations but there is little remaining buildable land for them on this side of Gastineau Channel. West Douglas could provide that much needed land.

Respectfully,

Cathie Roemmich, CEO
Juneau Chamber of Commerce